



Cultural Arts Council

Douglasville/Douglas County

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Taste of Douglasville's biggest spread yet!

Douglasville, Georgia – Annually, the Cultural Arts Council Douglasville/Douglas County has celebrated the coming of summer with a Taste of Douglasville festivity and this year, the 24th festival, is no different.

On Saturday, May 20th from 11AM-5PM the downtown Douglasville area will be full of citizens and visitors enjoying warm weather, eating great food, enjoying local performers, visiting community booths aplenty, all alongside several thousand new friends. A special Kids Korner will keep the smallest citizens entertained and active. While O'Neal Plaza is currently under construction, booths will be extended further down Church Street than usual, to accommodate booths that normally are on the Plaza. In fact, this has allowed the festival to grow from last year's record of 118 booths to this year's 125 booths. 12,000 people attended TASTE of DOUGLASVILLE last year, continuing its tradition as the one-day biggest festival in town!

Another record fell this year as 20 restaurants will be serving up samples and tastes of a variety of cuisines such as Barbecue, Italian, Louisiana cuisine, Mediterranean, pizza, Mexican, Greek, Australian and desserts of all sorts, offered this year by such favorites as Johnny's Pizza, Shane's Rib Shack, Texas Roadhouse, Gabe's Downtown, Fabiano's, Outback Steakhouse, Carrabba's, Irish Bred Pub, , La Hacienda Rio's Italian Ice, and Yogli Mogli. New participants this year are: Bubba Mac's, Gyro Chef Mediterranean, Kona Ice, Cupcakes by DeZigns, Plates on the Square, South of Philly, Proof of the Pudding, Sprinkles, and Farmers Table.

Taste is both a sample for attendees and a competition amongst the restaurants. The Cultural Arts Council is delighted that this year's judges will be led by local culinary celebrity, 11 years old Rose Genter, winner of the Food Network's "Chopped Junior" contest. Rose will be joined by Scott Lamphere, Culinary specialist and Chef at Gordon Food services, and David Manny, traveling culinary pro. Awards will be presented for Best Entrée, Best Dessert, and Best Presentation. Most Sold, obviously, will be decided by the hungry attendees!

Providing ambience while attendees eat and shop and visit will be entertainment at a stage set up on The Courthouse Square East which will have local performers playing non-stop music, from 11:15 am-4:30 pm featuring all styles of music from country to jazz, folk to hip-hop.

Keeping the children entertained will be the Kid's Korner showcasing the Master Gardeners, the popular Water Works display, charades, ThunderZone bowling, face painting, corn hole fun, and much more to delight the kids.

Taste of Douglasville also allows citizens to "sample" area arts and crafts and local business. In the arts and craft field there are over 25 booths signed up with beautiful jewelry, wood crafts, pottery and hair bows to tempt attendees. This year over 25 community booths signed up, representing everything from health care products to clothes, from financial advice to beauty products, and cellphones to children's books.

Taste of Douglasville 2017 is the Arts Council's largest fund raising event and it is the community's largest

one-day party, taking over all of Church Street areas (ample parking, however, is still available in the parking deck). It is free admission to attend this activity-packed event, with food tastes ranging from \$1 - \$4 on Saturday, May 20th from 11AM-5PM in downtown Douglasville. For further information, call 770-949-2787 or go to www.artsdouglas.org.

The Cultural Arts Council Douglasville/ Douglas County, located at 8652 Campbellton Street in historic downtown Douglasville, Georgia, is open Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For directions, more information, or to make your reservations, visit www.artsdouglas.org or contact the Cultural Arts Council at 770-949-2787.

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The mission of the Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County is to nurture, guide and stimulate the enjoyment of and participation in the arts among Douglas County residents by providing an atmosphere conducive to the arts. The programs and activities of the Cultural Arts Council are supported in part by the City of Douglasville and the Douglas County Board of Commissioners.